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37 C.F.R. § 1.47 PETITION TO ACCEPT INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested to accept the supplemental declaration of Mrs. Una Connolly, which was made on behalf of her deceased husband, also on behalf of the joint inventor listed in the application, Mr. Chinnathamby Vijayendran. On April 30, 2002, a cover letter soliciting a supplemental declaration, accompanied by a copy of the preliminary amendment, was mailed via Federal Express to Mr. Vijayendran's last known address (577 Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry, Great Britain CV6 SED). No response was received. During the first two weeks of June, unsuccessful attempts were made to locate Mr. Vijayendran's address and phone number using Internet directories for the United Kingdom. Also, contacts were made with KCI's Irish affiliate, KCI Medical, to verify Mr. Vijayendran's last known address and phone number. On July 2, 2002, attempts were made to reach Mr. Vijayendran through his last known phone number (+ 44 1203 666606), but these too were unsuccessful.

Incidentally, it should be noted that the new claims added via preliminary amendment, thus necessitating a supplemental declaration, all relate back to the previously copending application, PCT/IE96/00087, in which Mr. Patrick Connolly was the sole inventor.

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Additionally, the above-referenced invention and all patent rights associated therewith were assigned by the named inventors to Alliance Investments Limited, and then to KCI Licensing, Inc., as recorded at reel/frame nos. 012504/0751 and 012848/0100, respectively.

Applicant respectfully requests that any questions regarding this matter be directed to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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